

## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully request that the above-identified changes be made in the subject reissue application.

The changes to the specification correct minor errors only.

Claims 1-20 of the above mentioned patent are present and pending in the subject reissue application.

Claims 21-31 have been added to and are pending within the subject reissue application.

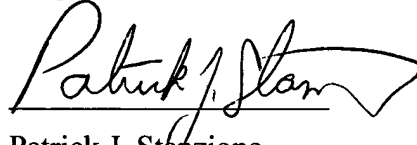
Claims 1-31 are present and pending in the subject reissue application.

Initially, new claims 21-31 have been added to recite various features of the present invention. In particular, claim 21 recites the features of a surface potential charging unit to change an electric potential of the surface of a photoconductive drum, and that the surface potential charging unit comprises a light emitting element emitting light in a first direction, and a light guide member spreading and reflecting the emitted light toward the photoconductive drum in a second direction (e.g., see column 5 lines 50-61). Claims 22-24 recite specific components of the light guide member of claim 21. More specifically, claim 22 recites a light spreading member and a light reflection member to perform the spreading and reflecting of the light toward the photoconductive drum along the second direction with respect to the first direction. Claim 25 recites the features of a surface potential charging unit to change an electric potential of the surface of a photoconductive drum, and that the surface potential charging unit comprises a light emitting element emitting light in a first direction, and a reflection member reflecting the light in a second direction (e.g., column 5, lines 36-42). Claim 26 recites an amount of change in direction in which the light is reflected from its emitted direction (e.g., column 5, lines 36-42). Claims 27-28 recite where the surface changing potential unit of claim 25 comprises a surface potential changing unit that focuses the light in a direction perpendicular to the scan direction (of the photoconductive drum) and spreads the light in the scan direction (e.g., column 5, lines 50-61). Claim 29 recites a light emitting member emitting a light beam, and a light guide member reflecting the light beam received from

the light emitting member into plural light beams in a second direction (e.g., figs. 4-6, and column 5, lines 36-42 and column 6, lines 29-36). Claim 30 recites the relation of the light beams with respect to each other along a second direction. Claim 31 recites the direction of the light beam emitted from the light emitting member.

In view of the above, the present reissue application should now be in condition for early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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